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1. ACCORDING TO THE SEMI-OFFICIAL ATHENS NEWS AGENCY BULLETIN, THE PROSECUTOR OF THE ATHENS COURT OF THE FIRST INSTANCE YESTERDAY (MAY 20) BROUGHT CHARGES OF PREMEDITATED MURDER, AND ILLEGAL POSSESSION AND USE OF ARMS, AGAINST PERSONS UNKNOWN IN CONNECTION WITH THE DEATH OF RICHARD WELCH.

2. COMMENT: WHILE THE INVESTIGATION HAS SO FAR FAILED TO IDENTIFY RICHARD WELCH'S ASSASSINS, GREEK SECURITY AUTHORITIES HAVE ASSURED US THAT THEY ARE CONTINUING TO PRESS THEIR EFFORTS TO UNCOVER THEM. THE PROSECUTOR'S ACTION TERMINATED THE PRELIMINARY STAGE OF THE INVESTIGATION, FOLLOWING WHICH HE ORDERED THE INSTITUTION OF THE REGULAR, OR FORMAL, INVESTIGATION OF THE WELCH ASSASSINATION.
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